

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
May 20, 2014

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hunt – Present
Councilwoman Harp – Present
Councilman Boyer – Present
Councilman McAuliffe – Present
Councilman Wiles – Present
Councilwoman Mull – Present
Councilman Duckwall – Present

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Duckwall reminded the Council that there would be a special meeting June 3rd to consider an additional appropriation of C.E.D.I.T. money for the ramp repair at Grissom.

Councilman Duckwall also reminded Council members that the State called Council meeting is set for June 21st which is a Saturday.

MINUTES

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the April minutes. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS

HIGHWAY

Janice Clemons came before the Council to request an additional appropriation of \$52,615 for the overtime this winter. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (Councilman Hunt abstained).

PROSECUTOR LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND

The Victims Advocate is going to retire soon and the Prosecutor wants to use money from this fund to start training someone to take her place. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to allow. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

None

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

MCEDA

Jim Tidd presented the plans for the repair of the ramp that leads to Baldwin Painting. It has not been touched for over 20 years. Mr. Tidd showed the Council pictures of the ramp and explained the damage. MCEDA hired CHA to do an assessment of the runway. Councilman Boyer asked if CHA checked the ramp for water (moisture) damage and drainage issues under the asphalt, because they had an issue with that at the Converse airport. Mr. Tidd stated he would make sure that was done and have a report for them at the June 3rd meeting. Mr. Tidd also asked to have E & B Paving do the work since the Commissioners already have an agreement with them and they will already be there which would save some money. Mr. Tidd is requesting that the Council appropriate \$330,700 from C.E.D.I.T for this project. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the appropriation. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Mr. Tidd also stated that he appreciated the 434th for working with him on this project. Councilman Wiles asked when the Regional Planning Committee will meet. Mr. Tidd said they have had an organizational meeting and will be sending out information to the members.

INSURANCE

Mary Brown, Chief Deputy Auditor, presented the Council with a handout outlining the changes recommended by the Insurance Committee. They are as follows:

- a) Raising the employee contribution 20%
- b) Charging an additional \$10 to tobacco users (including any dependents)
- c) Changing/adding to the tiers
- d) Extending the eligibility period from 30 days to 90 days
- e) removing a spouse who is covered by our plan as secondary
- f) having Medicare do a presentation for employees

Councilwoman Harp asked when the Committee would like to implement these changes. Mrs. Brown stated August 1st. There was no objection to the recommendations by the Council.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Wiles asked Jim Tidd for an update on the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Tidd reported that the Regional Plan group has had a meeting. The group consist of representatives from Miami, Cass, Fulton, Tipton, Wabash and Clinton Counties.

Councilwoman Mull informed the group that 4 County Mental Health has hired Becky Saddlemire as their new representative. Ms. Saddlemire will be working with the schools and Councilwoman Mull said they are glad to have her on board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Tidd announced that the first public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan will be on May 29th from 5pm to 7 pm. He asked everyone to get the word out because the more input they get, the better the Plan.

Councilman Hunt stated that he has received a lot of complaints regarding solid waste and wondered if anyone could address that. Commissioner Francis said he knew there were some issues and they are working on it. The Solid Waste Board meets the third Monday of every month at 1 p.m. and is open to the public.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to adjourn. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Lilley
Miami County Auditor